



## **Command Sergeant Major Shawn M. Firch**

**Commandant, NCOA**

**U.S. Army School of Music, Virginia Beach, VA**

CSM Shawn M. Firch was raised in Germantown, Ohio. He enlisted in the United States Army on 21 July 1987 and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Advanced Individual Training at the Army School of Music in Virginia Beach, VA.

CSM Firch's previous assignments include the 282<sup>nd</sup> Army Band, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; 8<sup>th</sup> Army Band, Seoul, Korea; 14<sup>th</sup> Army Band, Fort McClellan, Alabama; 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Band, Bamberg, Germany; 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Band, Bamberg, Germany; the 323<sup>rd</sup> Medical Command Band, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where CSM Firch served as First Sergeant of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Band and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Fort Lewis, Washington, where CSM Firch served as the Sergeant Major of the 56<sup>th</sup> Army Band; Fort Sam Houston, Texas where CSM Firch served as the Sergeant Major of the 323<sup>rd</sup> Medical Command Band; and the 21<sup>st</sup> Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany where CSM Firch served as the Secretary of the General Staff, Sergeant Major.

His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course; First Sergeant Course; and the Sergeants Major Course (Resident Course Class 59).

His civilian education includes Master's Degree in Information Technology Management from Trident International University, and a Bachelor's Degree in the same discipline from American Military University.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (8 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (9<sup>th</sup> Award), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (w/Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (w/Numeral 7), North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation and the Army Superior Unit Award.

CSM Firch is married with one son.